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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health
Pinal Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes
November 23, 2009

Welcome and Call to Order

The Pinal Regional Partnership Council Meeting was held on Monday, November 23, 2009 at Central Arizona College, Signal Peak Campus, Residence Life Building, 8470 North Overfield Road, Coolidge, AZ 85128.

Regional Council Chair Mezzio called the meeting to order at approximately 1:11 PM.

Council Members in attendance:

Mary Allen, Kai Gerkey, Christina Jenkins, Barbara Mezzio, Melanie O'Neil, and Charity Russell

Council Members not in attendance:

Louis Manuel

Council Members in attendance via teleconference:

Arnoldo Hernandez, Mary Kyle, and Bryant Powell

First Things First Staff in attendance:

Marla Chamberlain, First Things First, Central East Regional Manager; Alicia Smith, First Things First, Senior Policy Specialist; Ena Binns, First Things First, Senior Policy Specialist; Aimee Kempton-Sarosi, Regional Coordinator, Pinal Regional Partnership Council, and Carrie Loos, First Things First, Administrative Assistant III, Central East Region.

Public in attendance:

8 members of the public were present

Discussion and Possible Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chair Mezzio asked the Regional Council Members for a discussion and possible approval of the October 5, 2009 Special Work Session Meeting Minutes, October 14, 2009 Work Session Meeting Minutes, October 14, 2009 Meeting Minutes and the Meeting Minutes from the October 26, 2009 Special Work Session.

A motion was made by Member O'Neil to accept the October 5, 2009 Special Work Session Meeting Minutes, October 14, 2009 Work Session Meeting Minutes, October 14, 2009 Meeting Minutes and the Meeting Minutes from the October 26, 2009 Special Work Session, seconded by Member Kyle. Motion carried.

Call to the Public

No call to the public form was submitted to the Pinal Regional Partnership Council.

Discussion and Possible Approval of SFY 2011 Regional Funding Plan

Chair Mezzio recognized Aimee Kempton-Sarosi, Regional Coordinator, Pinal Regional Partnership Council for a discussion and possible approval of the SFY 2011 regional funding plan.

Ms. Kempton-Sarosi reviewed the process used with work groups to review the funding plan, compared to the process from the previous year. Items discussed at the work groups were:

- System Building
- 2010 and 2011 Needs
- 2010 and 2011 Strategies
- Linkages

Ms. Kempton-Sarosi reviewed with the Regional Council that an overview of each strategy will be presented followed by a motion, with a second, discussion, and concluding with a Roll Call Vote. Ms. Kempton-Sarosi reviewed the guidelines related to Conflict of Interest with the Regional Council and reminded the Regional Council that if there is a Conflict of Interest to please state the conflict and asked each Regional Council Member with a conflict to fill out the Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form pursuant to A.R.S. §38-501 to §38-511. Additionally, Chair Mezzio read the following Conflict of Interest statement: agenda item/number is the discussion and possible action on the Pinal Regional Partnership Council 2011 Funding Plan. The discussion will start by asking if any members of the Pinal Regional Partnership Council Members have any conflicts with an agenda item. If so, each Regional Council Member will be asked to please state their name and the nature of their conflict. It was also requested that each Regional Council Member complete a Conflict of Interest short form for the records.

Ms. Kempton-Sarosi reviewed the Pinal Regional Partnership Council SFY 2011 Strategies Snapshot and discussed with the Regional Council the SFY 2010 Regional Allocation (\$4,572,030), SFY 2011 Regional Allocation (\$4,078,030), SFY 2010 Total Discretionary Allocation (\$1,193,840), SFY 2011 Total Discretionary Allocation (\$1,007,317), SFY 2010 Discretionary Baseline Adjustment (\$0) and the SFY 2011 Discretionary Baseline Adjustment (\$247,000). The Total Allocation for the Pinal Regional Partnership Council for SFY 2011 is \$5,332,347; which decreased a total of \$433,523 from SFY 2010.

Goal Area: Health

Ms. Kempton-Sarosi gave an update and reviewed goals areas for the Health strategies:

- Strategy 1 – Continuing Medical Education: the target population is the Pinal and Ak-Chin Health Care Providers. The service numbers for SFY 2010 is 25 Physician Scholarships and SFY 2011 is 25 Physician Scholarships and 4 Community Trainings (with an estimated outreach to 50% Physician and Support Staff). The allocation for SFY 2010 is \$115,000 and the recommended SFY 2011 allocation is \$50,000.

It was requested by Chair Mezzio to vote on Strategy 1 with a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Member Gerkey that the Pinal Regional Partnership Council approves Strategy 1 Continuing Medical Education with an allocation of \$50,000, seconded by Member Allen. Motion carried. No conflicts of interests were stated.

Member Allen	Yes
Member Gerkey	Yes
Member Hernandez	Yes
Member Jenkins	Yes
Member Kyle	Yes
Member Manuel	Not present
Chair Mezzio	Yes
Member O'Neil	Yes

Member Powell	Not present
Member Russell	Yes

- Strategy 2A/2B/2C – Health Outreach & Insurance: the target population is the Pinal and Ak-Chin Health Care Providers. The service numbers for SFY 2010 and SFY 2011 are 1000 children enrolled in insurance; 50% of physicians, and pediatricians and dentists. The allocation for SFY 2010 is \$300,000 and the recommended SFY 2011 allocation is \$300,000.
 - 2A – Conduct health insurance outreach and enrollment assistance for eligible children.
 - 2B – Physician and health provider outreach and education.
 - 2C – Enhance or expand existing programs and services to address parent knowledge, understanding, and behavior.

It was requested by Chair Mezzio to vote on Strategy 2 with a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Member Gerkey that the Pinal Regional Partnership Council approves Strategy 2 Health Outreach & Education with an allocation of \$300,000, seconded by Member Jenkins. Motion carried. No conflicts of interests were stated.

Member Allen	Yes
Member Gerkey	Yes
Member Hernandez	Yes
Member Jenkins	Yes
Member Kyle	Yes
Member Manuel	Not present
Chair Mezzio	Yes
Member O'Neil	Yes
Member Powell	Not present
Member Russell	Yes

- Strategy 3 – Health Screenings: the target population is families with children ages zero through five years in the region. The services numbers for SFY 2010 and SFY 2011 are 5,000 children in the Pinal Region. The allocation for SFY 2010 is \$500,000 and the recommended SFY 2011 allocation is \$500,000.
 - The work group would like to add an additional component: developmental screenings

It was requested by Chair Mezzio to vote on Strategy 3 with a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Member Gerkey that the Pinal Regional Partnership Council approves Strategy 3 Health Screenings with an allocation of \$500,000, seconded by Member Allen.

Motion carried. Regional Council Members with a conflict of interest were:

Member O'Neil – agency may apply for funding

Member Russell – is a board member for an agency who may apply

Member Allen	Yes
Member Gerkey	Yes
Member Hernandez	Yes
Member Jenkins	Yes
Member Kyle	Yes
Member Manuel	Not present
Chair Mezzio	Yes
Member O'Neil	*Did not vote due to COI
Member Powell	Not present
Member Russell	*Did not vote due to COI

*Regional Council Member did not vote due to COI.

- New strategy – High Risk Infant Home Visiting: the target population is families with children with high risk health conditions, children ages zero through one year in the region. The service numbers for SFY 2011 is 300 children in the Pinal Region. The recommended allocation for SFY 2011 is \$400,000. The High Risk Infant Home Visiting strategy will link families to local resources in the Pinal Region for children born with high risk medical needs that are transferred out of Pinal County and will not have the needed medical services upon their return home. The Request for Grant Application will require a Registered Nurse (RN) to visit families and distribute education information to build a foundation for success (ex. local pediatric resources, sanitary guidelines, and immunizations).

It was requested by Chair Mezzio to vote on the new strategy High Risk Infant Home Visitation with a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Member Gerkey that the Pinal Regional Partnership Council approves the strategy for High Risk Infant Home Visitation with an allocation of \$400,000, seconded by Member Allen. Motion carried. Regional Council Members with a conflict of interest were: Member O'Neil – agency provides this service

Member Russell – on the board for the agency that provides this service

Member Allen	Yes
Member Gerkey	Yes
Member Hernandez	Yes
Member Jenkins	Yes
Member Kyle	Yes
Member Manuel	Not present
Chair Mezzio	Yes
Member O'Neil	*Did not vote due to COI
Member Powell	Not present
Member Russell	*Did not vote due to COI

*Regional Council Member did not vote due to COI

Goal Area: Access and Affordability

Ms. Kempton-Sarosi gave an update and reviewed goals areas for the Access and Affordability strategies:

- Strategy 4 – Quality First: the target population is targeted to any of the 94 certified homes and 68 licensed child care and education centers within the Pinal Region. The service numbers for SFY 2010 is 20 units and SFY 2011 is 14 additional units (totaling 34 Quality First slots). The allocation for SFY 2010 is \$687,000 and the recommended allocation for SFY 2011 is \$971,320 (an increase of \$283,620). Ms. Kempton-Sarosi informed the Regional Council that there are currently 6 vacancies for home care providers and those providers will move into the 3 center vacancies.

It was requested by Chair Mezzio to vote on Strategy 4 with a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Member O'Neil that the Pinal Regional Partnership Council approves Strategy 4 Quality First with 14 new slots with an allocation of \$971,320, seconded by Member Jenkins. Motion carried. Regional Council Members with a conflict of interest were: Chair Mezzio – provider for Quality First Coaching and Incentives for the Central East Region
Member Jenkins – spouse works for Central Arizona College
Member Allen – on the school board for preschool that receives Quality First
Member O'Neil – Head Start location receives Quality First

Member Russell – on the board for a Head Start location which receives Quality First
Member Kyle – preschool may apply for Quality First

Ms. Kempton-Sarosi reviewed the statutory guidelines related to Rule of Impossibility and informed the Regional Council that when the majority of the Regional Council has a conflict of interest in the voting item, that the Regional Council may use the Rule of Impossibility. The Rule of Impossibility will allow all Regional Council Members to enter into discussion and participate in the voting process.

Chair Mezzio read the following statement: Thus far a majority of the Pinal Regional Partnership Council declared a conflict of interest with the reconsideration of the Pinal Regional 2011 Funding Plan. As a result, the Rule of Impossibility will be invoked which states that Regional Council Members can act upon making their conflicts of interest known in the official agency record. The statute for the Rule of Impossibility was read: In the unlikely situation that a public agency cannot act because most of its members have a conflict of interest, members may participate in the agency's decision after making known their conflicts of interest in the agency's official records A.R.S. § 38-508(B) this is referred to as "the rule of impossibility." It is important to note that before the rule of impossibility will apply to a multi-member board or commission, the majority of the entire membership of the board or commission must be unable to participate because of conflicts of interest. The rule of impossibility may not be invoked if merely a quorum of the public body is present and unable to act because of conflicts. In those cases, the public agency must reconvene to take up the matter when all the members are present.

Member Allen	Yes
Member Gerkey	Yes
Member Hernandez	Yes
Member Jenkins	Yes
Member Kyle	Yes
Member Manuel	Not present
Chair Mezzio	Yes
Member O'Neil	Yes
Member Powell	Not present
Member Russell	Yes

- Strategy 5A – Child Care Health Consultant (CCHC): the target population is targeted to any of the 94 certified homes and 68 licensed child care and education centers within the Pinal Region. The service numbers for SFY 2010 and SFY 2011 are 60 licensed centers within the Pinal Region and will include the Ak-Chin care provider. Services will be for homes and centers not participating in Quality First. The SFY 2010 allocation is \$220,000 and the recommended SFY 2011 allocation is \$240,000 (an increase of \$20,000). The allocation increase was recommended by First Things First policy staff and the grantee will receive half of the SFY 2010 allocation (\$110,000) for a 6 month contract (30 licensed centers).

It was requested by Chair Mezzio to vote on Strategy 5A with a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Member Jenkins that the Pinal Regional Partnership Council approves Strategy 5A Child Care Health Consultation with an allocation of \$240,000, seconded by Member Allen. Motion carried. No conflicts of interests were stated.

Member Allen	Yes
Member Gerkey	Yes
Member Hernandez	Yes
Member Jenkins	Yes

Member Kyle	Yes
Member Manuel	Not present
Chair Mezzio	Yes
Member O'Neil	Yes
Member Powell	Not present
Member Russell	Yes

- Strategy 5B – Mental Health Consultant (MHC): the target population is targeted to any of the 94 certified homes and licensed child care and education centers within the Pinal Region. The services numbers for SFY 2010 and SFY 2011 are 60 licensed centers within the Pinal Region and will include the Ak-Chin care provider. The allocation for SFY 2010 is \$200,000 and the recommended SFY 2011 allocation is \$240,000 (an increase of \$40,000). The allocation increase was recommended by First Things First policy staff.

It was requested by Chair Mezzio to vote on Strategy 5B with a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Member Russell that the Pinal Regional Partnership Council approves Strategy 5B Child Care Health Consultation with an allocation of \$240,000, seconded by Member Gerkey. Motion carried. No conflicts of interests were stated.

Member Allen	Yes
Member Gerkey	Yes
Member Hernandez	Yes
Member Jenkins	Yes
Member Kyle	Yes
Member Manuel	Not present
Chair Mezzio	Yes
Member O'Neil	Yes
Member Powell	Not present
Member Russell	Yes

- Strategy 6 – Recruit and Support Home Providers: the target population will address lawful unregulated child care homes in the Pinal Region. The service numbers for SFY 2010 and SFY 2011 are 60 lawfully operation unregulated home care providers in the Pinal Region (serving four or fewer children). The allocation for SFY 2010 is \$350,000 and the recommended SFY 2011 allocation is \$355,000.

It was requested by Chair Mezzio to vote on Strategy 6 with a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Member Allen that the Pinal Regional Partnership Council approves Strategy 6 Recruit and Support Home Providers with an allocation of \$350,000, seconded by member Gerkey. Motion carried. Regional Council Members with a conflict of interest were:
Member O'Neil – possible collaboration on this strategy
Member Russell – on the board for agency that is possibly collaborating

Member Allen	Yes
Member Gerkey	Yes
Member Hernandez	Yes
Member Jenkins	Yes
Member Kyle	Yes
Member Manuel	Not present
Chair Mezzio	Yes
Member O'Neil	*Did not vote due to COI
Member Powell	Not present

Member Russell	*Did not vote due to COI
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*Regional Council Member did not vote due to COI

- Emergency Child Care Scholarships: The First Things First State Board received an Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) Bid Waiver to expedite discretionary funds in regards to access and affordability and family support. The Pinal Regional Partnership Council received scholarships for children in Pinal County. The Access and Affordability and Family Support work group members would like to recommend to the Pinal Regional Partnership Council to not allocate additional dollars towards the First Things First Emergency Child Care Scholarships.

It was requested by Chair Mezzio to vote on Emergency Child Care Scholarships with a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Member Jenkins that the Pinal Regional Partnership Council allocates zero funds for Emergency Child Care Scholarships, at this time, seconded by Member Russell. Motion carried. No conflicts of interests were stated.

Member Allen	Yes
Member Gerkey	Yes
Member Hernandez	Yes
Member Jenkins	Yes
Member Kyle	Yes
Member Manuel	Not present
Chair Mezzio	Yes
Member O'Neil	Yes
Member Powell	Not present
Member Russell	Yes

Goal Area: Family Support

Ms. Kempton-Sarosi gave an update and reviewed goals areas for the Family Support strategies:

- Strategy 7 – Home Visitation: the target population will target families that are not already receiving home visiting and/or other outreach services within the region. The services numbers for SFY 2010 and SFY 2011 are 100 families with children zero through three years of age. The SFY 2010 allocation is \$500,000 and the recommended allocation for SFY 2011 is \$500,000.

It was requested by Chair Mezzio to vote on Emergency Child Care Scholarships with a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Member Allen that the Pinal Regional Partnership Council approves Strategy 7 Home Visitation with an allocation of \$500,000, seconded by Member Allen. Motion carried. Regional Council Members with a conflict of interest were:

Member O'Neil – provider for strategy seven

Member Russell – on the board for the awarded grantee

Member Allen	Yes
Member Gerkey	Yes
Member Hernandez	Yes
Member Jenkins	Yes
Member Kyle	Yes
Member Manuel	Not present
Chair Mezzio	Yes
Member O'Neil	*Did not vote due to COI

Member Powell	Not present
Member Russell	*Did not vote due to COI

*Regional Council Members did not vote due to COI

- Strategy 8 – Family Support Coordination & Resource Center: the target population is intended to target all families within the Pinal Region and the Ak-Chin Tribal Community. The service numbers are to be determined as Strategy 8 is currently under development. Strategy 8 will be developed with a two part component with the first component giving families access to local resources and the second component will bring grantees and non-grantees together to connect and streamline services and prevent duplication. The Family Support Work Group would like to recommend earmarking \$300,000 to the development of Strategy 8, which will be presented to the First Things First Board on hold for continuing development.

It was requested by Chair Mezzio to vote on Strategy 8 with a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Member Jenkins that the Pinal Regional Partnership Council put Strategy 8 Family Support Coordination & Resource Center on hold with a possible allocation of \$300,000, seconded by Member Allen. Motion carried. Regional Council Members with a conflict of interest were:

Member Russell – may apply for the Request for Grant Application

Member Allen	Yes
Member Gerkey	Yes
Member Hernandez	Yes
Member Jenkins	Yes
Member Kyle	Yes
Member Manuel	Not present
Chair Mezzio	Yes
Member O'Neil	Yes
Member Powell	Not present
Member Russell	*Did not vote due to COI

*Regional Council Member did not vote due to COI

- New Strategy – Food Box: the target population is Pinal families that are 200% below FPL within the Pinal Region and Ak-Chin Tribal Community. The service numbers for SFY 2010 and SFY 2011 are 400 families with children ages zero through five years. The SFY 2010 allocation is 242,884 and the recommended SFY 2011 allocation is \$242,884 (a combination of the State Funding Allocation \$25,384 and Regional Allocation \$217,500). Each recipient of the food box received a voucher for fresh fruit and vegetables and the voucher is currently under development for improvement. The new Food Box Strategy will be re-issued as a Request for Grant Application as this is a new strategy for the Pinal Regional Partnership Council.

It was request by Chair Mezzio to vote on the New Food Box Strategy with a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Member Allen that the Pinal Regional Partnership Council approves the new strategy for Food Box with an allocation of \$242,884, seconded by Member Gerkey.

Motion carried. Regional Council Members with a conflict of interest were:

Member O'Neil – agency is a recipient of the Food Box

Member Russell – on the board for the agency receiving the Food Box

Member Allen	Yes
Member Gerkey	Yes
Member Hernandez	Yes
Member Jenkins	Yes

Member Kyle	Yes
Member Manuel	Not present
Chair Mezzio	Yes
Member O'Neil	*Did not vote due to COI
Member Powell	Not present
Member Russell	*Did not vote due to COI

*Regional Council Member did not vote due to a COI

- New Strategy – Parent Literacy: the target population is intended to target all families within the Pinal Region and Ak-Chin Tribal Community. The service numbers for SFY 2011 is Physician Based Parent Literacy – 10% of Pinal Regional Physicians and Community Based Parent Literacy – 25% of Pinal Regional families. The SFY 2011 recommended allocation is \$350,000. The new strategy for Parent Literacy will be developed with a two part component with the first component focusing on physician based outreach and the second component focusing on community-based outreach. The grantee would work through libraries in the Pinal Region to implement the program so children are ready to succeed in school. The program would reach beyond current service deliveries and focus on how to read to children and early literacy in the home environment.

It was requested by Chair Mezzio to vote on the new strategy Parent Literacy with a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Member Gerkey that the Pinal Regional Partnership Council approves the new strategy for Parent Literacy with an allocation of \$350,000, seconded by Member Jenkins. Motion carried. Regional Council Members with a conflict of interest were:

Member Allen – may benefit from the Parent Literacy Strategy

Member Russell – is on the board for any agency may benefit from the Parent Literacy Strategy

Member Allen	*Did not vote due to COI
Member Gerkey	Yes
Member Hernandez	Yes
Member Jenkins	Yes
Member Kyle	Yes
Member Manuel	Not present
Chair Mezzio	Yes
Member O'Neil	Yes
Member Powell	Not present
Member Russell	*Did not vote due to COI

*Regional Council Member did not vote due to COI

Goal Area: Professional Development

Ms. Kempton-Sarosi gave an update and reviewed goals areas for the Professional Development strategies:

- Strategy 9 – Professional Career Pathway Project (PCPP): the target population is Professional Career Pathway Project scholarships that are available for students not eligible for T.E.A.C.H. The service numbers for SFY 2010 are 40 students (PCPP) and 40 applications (CDA) and SFY 2011 are 60 students (PCPP) and 60 applications (CDA). This is an increase of 20 slots from SFY 2010 of 40 slots to SFY 2011 60 slots. The SFY 2010 allocation is \$126,250 and the recommended SFY 2011 allocation is \$151,560. Applicants who are eligible for PCPP scholarships cannot receive financial aid.

It was requested by Member Gerkey to vote on Strategy 9 with a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Member Russell that the Pinal Regional Partnership Council approves Strategy 9 Professional Career Pathway Project with an allocation of \$151,560, seconded by Member O'Neil. Motion carried. Regional Council Members with a conflict of interest were: Chair Mezzio – Central Arizona College is the provider of PCPP
Member Jenkins – spouse is employed with Central Arizona College

Member Allen	Yes
Member Gerkey	Yes
Member Hernandez	Yes
Member Jenkins	*Did not vote due to COI
Member Kyle	Yes
Member Manuel	Not present
Chair Mezzio	*Did not vote due to COI
Member O'Neil	Yes
Member Powell	Not present
Member Russell	Yes

*Regional Council Member did not vote due to COI

- Strategy 10 – Community Based Training: the target population is intended to target all types of child care providers within underserved and un-served areas in the region to include the Ak-Chin Tribal Community. The service numbers for SFY 2010 and SFY 2011 are 1,000 child care providers. The allocation for SFY 2010 is \$250,000 and the recommended allocation for SFY 2011 is \$250,000. The Request for Grant Application was released in SFY 2010 but was not recommended for funding, will be re-released in SFY 2011, and the Scope of Work is currently being developed.

It was requested by Member Gerkey to vote on Strategy 10 with a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Member O'Neil that the Pinal Regional Partnership Council approves Strategy 10 Community Based Training with an allocation of \$250,000, seconded by Member Allen. Motion carried. Regional Council Members with a conflict of interest were:
Chair Mezzio – Central Arizona College may partner with the Community Based Training
Member Jenkins – spouse is employed with Central Arizona College
Member Russell – may apply for the Community Based Training strategy

Member Allen	Yes
Member Gerkey	Yes
Member Hernandez	Yes
Member Jenkins	*Did not vote due to COI
Member Kyle	Yes
Member Manuel	Not present
Chair Mezzio	*Did not vote due to COI
Member O'Neil	Yes
Member Powell	Yes
Member Russell	*Did not vote due to COI

- Strategy 11 – Compensation and Retention: the target population targets scholars who are participating in T.E.A.C.H. and who will receive wage enhancement upon completion of education steps. The service numbers for SFY 2010 are 25 Child Care Providers that complete education goals and SFY 2011 75 Child Care Providers that complete education goals (this is an increase of 50 scholars). The SFY 2010 allocation is \$50,000 and the recommended SFY 2011 allocation is \$150,000 (an increase of \$100,000). The compensation and retention wage incentives will be in addition to the scholarships. The Compensation and Retention Strategy will be a Statewide Strategy funded by Regional Council dollars. Each participant will need to work

30 hours per week in a licensed or regulated program, with an employment eligibility of one year. The estimated annual salary incentive per applicant is \$2,000, which will be based on a tier level for education, the amount of time with their employer, and this will determine the rewards amount received.

It was requested by Member Gerkey to vote on Strategy 11 with a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Member O'Neil that the Pinal Regional Partnership Council approves Strategy 11 Compensation and Retention with an allocation of \$150,000, seconded by Member Hernandez. Motion failed. Regional Council Members with a conflict of interest were:
Chair Mezzio – Central Arizona College partnership with Compensation and Retention
Member Jenkins – spouse is employed with Central Arizona College
Member Russell – may benefit from the Compensation and Retention Strategy

Member Allen	No
Member Gerkey	Yes
Member Hernandez	Yes
Member Jenkins	*Did not vote due to COI
Member Kyle	Yes
Member Manuel	Not present
Chair Mezzio	*Did not vote due to COI
Member O'Neil	Yes
Member Powell	Yes
Member Russell	*Did not vote due to COI

*Regional Council Members did not vote due to COI

3 COI, 5 Yes, and 1 No –Motion failed due to lack of votes. The motion will be discussed at a future Regional Council Meeting, with an educational piece after the Administrative Home is identified, and the allocation will be set into carry forward. The strategy will be represented to the First Things First Board.

- Strategy 12 – Recruitment Scholarship: the target population targets recent high school graduates and nontraditional students that are not working in the early care and education field and do not qualify for T.E.A.C.H. and Professional Career Pathways. The service numbers for SFY 2010 and SFY 2011 are 15 full time students. The allocation for SFY 2010 is \$75,000 and the recommended SFY 2011 allocation is \$75,000.

It was requested by Member Gerkey to vote on Strategy 12 with a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Member O'Neil that the Pinal Regional Partnership Council approves Strategy 12 Recruitment Scholarship with an allocation of \$75,000, seconded by Member Russell. Motion carried. Regional Council Members with a conflict of interest were:
Chair Mezzio – Central Arizona College is the provider for the Recruitment Scholarships
Member Jenkins – spouse is employed with Central Arizona College

Member Allen	Yes
Member Gerkey	Yes
Member Hernandez	Yes
Member Jenkins	*Did not vote due to COI
Member Kyle	Yes
Member Manuel	Not present
Chair Mezzio	*Did not vote due to COI
Member O'Neil	Yes
Member Powell	Yes
Member Russell	Yes

*Regional Council Members did not vote due to COI

- Strategy 13 – Awareness Campaign: the target population is to be determined. The awareness campaign is currently under development but will be a comprehensive statewide communication strategy working in partnership with the Regional Councils and First Things First to implement a community awareness and mobilization campaign to build the public and political will be necessary to make early childhood development and health one of Arizona's top priorities. The SFY 2010 allocation is \$32,500 and the recommended SFY 2011 allocation is \$50,000.

It was requested by Chair Mezzio to vote on Strategy 13 with a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Member Jenkins that the Pinal Regional Partnership Council approves Strategy 13 Communications with an allocation of \$50,000, seconded by Member Russell. Motion carried. No conflicts of interests were stated.

Member Allen	Yes
Member Gerkey	Yes
Member Hernandez	Yes
Member Jenkins	Yes
Member Kyle	Yes
Member Manuel	Not present
Chair Mezzio	Yes
Member O'Neil	Yes
Member Powell	Yes
Member Russell	Yes

- Needs and Assets: The Needs and Asset Reports are every two years and funds do not need to be dedicated every fiscal year. The Needs and Assets Work Group would like to recommend an allocation of \$14,250 for SFY 2010 and zero allocation for SFY 2011.

It was requested by Chair Mezzio to vote on the Needs and Assets with a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Member Gerkey that the Pinal Regional Partnership Council zero funds to Needs and Assets, seconded by Member Russell. Motion carried. No conflicts of interests were stated.

Member Allen	Yes
Member Gerkey	Yes
Member Hernandez	Yes
Member Jenkins	Yes
Member Kyle	Yes
Member Manuel	Not present
Chair Mezzio	Yes
Member O'Neil	Yes
Member Powell	Yes
Member Russell	Yes

- Evaluations: The Needs and Assets Work Group reviewed the recommended evaluation strategies presented by First Things First and the work group recommended to put no additional funding towards the evaluation component and no additional funding for the evaluation for SFY 2011.

It was requested by Chair Mezzio to vote on Evaluations with a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Member Russell that the Pinal Regional Partnership Council allocates zero funds to Evaluations, seconded by Member Jenkins. Motion carried. No conflicts of interests were stated.

Member Allen	Yes
Member Gerkey	Yes
Member Hernandez	Yes
Member Jenkins	Yes
Member Kyle	Yes
Member Manuel	Not present
Chair Mezzio	Yes
Member O'Neil	Yes
Member Powell	Yes
Member Russell	Yes

- Carry Forward: the estimated total SFY 2011 Carry Forward is \$886,413. The Regional Council would like to review First Things First Regional Council strategies to see if they correlate/benefit to the Pinal Regions needs and possibly expand/outreach existing Pinal Regional Council strategies, and gaps that have not been filled in the Pinal Region. The Regional Council will revisit this topic at a future meeting to look at what else needs to be funded.

It was requested by Chair Mezzio to vote on Carry Forward with a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Member Gerkey that the Pinal Regional Partnership Council moves all excess dollars to Carry Forward category, seconded by Member O'Neil. Motion carried. No conflicts of interests were stated.

Member Allen	Yes
Member Gerkey	Yes
Member Hernandez	Yes
Member Jenkins	Yes
Member Kyle	Yes
Member Manuel	Not present
Chair Mezzio	Yes
Member O'Neil	Yes
Member Powell	Yes
Member Russell	Yes

Presentation and Discussion on First things First Quality First Program

Chair Mezzio recognized Ena Binns, Quality First Coordinator – Senior Policy Specialist, First Things First for a presentation and discussion on First Things First Quality First Program. Copies of the handout were distributed to the Regional Council and to the public attendees. The topics of discussion were: component overview, program assessment, coaching, financial incentives, star rating, T.E.A.C.H., and child care health consultation. Additionally, Ms. Binns reviewed the Quality First assessment process, which gave an overview of the steps a Quality First participant goes through when applying for Quality First. Ms. Binns also reviewed the Quality First Participant letter that each participant receives when selected to participate in Quality First.

Regional Coordinator's Report

Chair Mezzio recognized Ms. Kempton-Sarosi for the Regional Coordinator's Report. Ms. Kempton-Sarosi reviewed the following topics:

- First Things First State Board Meeting – December 8, 2009. An email will be sent to the Regional Council Members with a link to the State Board documents.

- First Things First has contracted Linda Cannon and Associates to evaluate the Request for Grant Application process and see how it can be improved. A stakeholders meeting will take place on December 9, 2009 for the Pinal and Gila River Indian Community Regional Partnership Councils, by invitation only, for applicants that have been successful/not successful and Regional Council Members that have participated in the RFGA process.
- Ak-Chin Tribal Community will stay as a member of the Pinal Regional Partnership Council (but a letter and resolution has not been completed). Ak-Chin will participate in the Food Box program and a resolution will be composed for CAHRA. A non-resolution will be composed for the Home Visitation Strategy and 25 families will be redistributed to the Pinal Region. Ms. Kempton-Sarosi would like to invite the Family Support Work Group back to the table to discuss Ak-Chin's need for family preservation and invite community members to the meeting.
- Recruitment – Member Kyle is now in the School Administrator position and recruitment is taking place for the At Large position.
 - o Member Gerkey has resigned the Business seat with the Pinal Regional Partnership Council and was presented with a letter of appreciation, by Marla Chamberlain, Manager, Central East Region, from Director Hibbs.

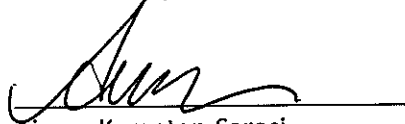
Next Meeting – December 9, 2009

The next Pinal Regional Partnership Council Meeting will be held on December 9, 2009 at Central Arizona College, RM M101, 8470 N. Overfield Road, Coolidge, AZ 85128.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Member Jenkins to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Russell. Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:49 PM. Motion carried.

Submitted By:



Aimee Kempton-Sarosi
Regional Coordinator
Pinal Regional Partnership Council

Approved By:



Barbara Mezzio
Chair, Pinal Regional Partnership Council